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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...your motives are absolutely right and you have brought attention to the fact that we have something here we need to work on. And Senator Jensen, his word is good and I know he will follow through with that study, and those of us that are interested should participate in it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Smith, and this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, is my light the last one?

SENATOR CUDABACK: No, it's not.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's Senators Jensen, Erdman, and Mines following you.

SENATOR SMITH: I hear the message loud and clear that there's inequities that are existing. We're making it even more inequitable if we don't amend LB 407. We're creating an even wider gap in who's treated most appropriately or who gets the most money and who gets the least. Now, my amendment doesn't even say it's all going to go to the Panhandle. My amendment says those who are underserved, underserved or have access issues to health care are going to get the money. This is not a complicated issue. And I wish that I were in the capacity to say, well, let's study it over the next year, because I got the money that I wanted. This is a pretty simple issue. I'm not even trying to get anyone else's money, when it was speculated that originally I was going to go after that additional \$400,000 that was going to one of the Omaha centers that was arbitrarily placed there. It was put in there by the committee after the public hearing, if there was a public hearing on that specific item. That's even unclear. But I cannot sit idly by and say, well, I'm going to wait until next year, because I studied this issue and I was ready to say that, and the more information I got the more I discovered that these numbers are real. The need is real. I decided to force this issue. And the fact that we